

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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MEETING HELD IN BATON ROUGE

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The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in Baton Rouge, La., on Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24, 1966.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, conference with representatives of the news media, and the preparation of the Agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, May 24, 1966 at 10:00 A.M. in the Public Welfare Auditorium, Rooms A and B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members present at the Monday meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

The above members were present at the Tuesday Public Meeting with the exception of Mr. Jimmie Thompson, Chairman and Mr. John Edwin Kyle, Jr., Member.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Mr. H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman, who stated that Chairman Thompson would be absent from the public meeting as he was suddenly called away.

Mr. Fairchild said that the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 25 and 26, 1966.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of April 25 and 26, 1966 was dispensed with and accepted as submitted to the Commission.

Mr. Fairchild called on Mr. Buquet who read the resolution in memorium to the late A. C. Glassell.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is deeply saddened by the death of A. C. Glassell this past weekend and the State of Louisiana has lost one of its foremost leaders in conservation, and

WHEREAS, the late A. C. Glassell served as Chairman of the first Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission from 1952 through 1956, during which formative years, many of the present programs of sound management of wildlife and fisheries resources carried out by the Commission were launched, and

WHEREAS, A. C. Glassell is a Past President of Ducks Unlimited, a former Chairman of the Board of Ducks Unlimited, and devoted more than three decades of his life to perpetuation of the sport of waterfowling; and at the time of his death was still active in Ducks Unlimited, serving as a member of the National Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, A. C. Glassell was one of the founding fathers of the Louisiana Wild Life Federation and actively supported its many endeavors along conservation lines, and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime he served on countless National and State organizations devoted to fostering conservation at all levels, giving freely of his time, energy and personal funds to forward those conservation programs in which he was so deeply interested, and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 1966, during the Annual Convention of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association, he was recipient of the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association Conservationist of the Year Award for 1965, and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of conservation activities, A. C. Glassell received many awards for his efforts to preserve and wisely utilize game and fish resources, and

WHEREAS, his death is a great loss to the cause of conservation and his willingness to assist at any time in programs that were beneficial to all forms of wildlife and fisheries resources, and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, he demonstrated the highest degree of true sportsmanship.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does this date adopt the above resolution and order that it be permanently filed in the records of the Commission and a copy be sent to A. C. Glassell's family.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that everyone present is familiar with the deterioration of waterfowl habitat in the northern United States and in Canada. In accordance with Section 104, Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statute of 1950, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is authorized to spend 25 cents of each license sold for the preservation of waterfowl breeding areas through Ducks Unlimited. This organization is doing a fine job of preserving and developing waterfowl areas in Canada and Mr. Yancey said that he would like to recommend that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission send an advance payment of \$50,000.00 on the 1965-66 hunting license fee to Ducks Unlimited to be used in Canada.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 104, Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statute of 1950, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is authorized to spend 25 cents of each

license sold for the preservation of waterfowl breeding areas through Ducks Unlimited.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the advance payment of \$50,000.00 on the 1965-66 hunting license fee to Ducks Unlimited to be used in Canada for the preservation of waterfowl breeding areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Buquet asked Mr. Yancey if an investigation could be made on the various lakes in Canada and, if Possible, have a lake named after Mr. Glassell since he was so active in the Ducks Unlimited program and interested in their progress.

Mr. Yancey said that he thought that possibly the name Mallard Bay could be used on one area to be developed with the Louisiana contribution. This was the name of Mr. Glassell's hunting area in Louisiana and a monument with a plaque could be installed at the site in memory of "Pop" Glassell.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, A. C. Glassell is a Past President of Ducks Unlimited, a former Chairman of the Board of Ducks Unlimited, and devoted more than three decades of his life to perpetuation of the sport of waterfowling; and at the time of his death was still active in Ducks Unlimited, serving as a member of the National Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime he served on countless National and State organizations devoted to fostering conservation at all levels, giving freely of his time, energy and personal funds to forward those conservation programs in which he was so deeply interested.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request Ducks Unlimited Inc. to commence an investigation and develop a waterfowl marsh in Canada to be named Mallard Bay, the name of A. C. Glassell's hunting area in Louisiana and install at the site of the water control structure a monument and plaque in memory of Mr. Glassell.

Mr. Buquet said that the best day in his life was when he gave Mr. Glassell a plaque in appreciation for the fine work he did for the Commission. Mr. Buquet stated that he would like to recommend that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission present all of the past Board Members with a plaque of this type.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will hereby present a plaque to all past Commission Members in appreciation for their dedicated service in giving freely of their time and efforts to promote sound conservation for the benefit of Louisiana wildlife resources.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor to explain the recent request received from the Louisiana Highway Department.

Mr. Yancey said that the Louisiana Highway Department has made a request for a construction servitude and temporary detour permit to cross a small portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area in LaSalle Parish. Generally, this will involve a detour leaving Highway 28 to bypass the new bridge that will be constructed when the canal is excavated between Catahoula Lake and Black River. The detour will travel for a distance of about 1,000 ft. just parallel to Highway 28 and will then rejoin the highway. Mr. Yancey said that this matter has been reviewed with the Fish and Game Division personnel in District IV and there are no objections to the issuance of this permit.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that J. D. Hair, Jr. be and he is hereby authorized and empowered for and on behalf of this Commission to grant to the Department of Highways of the State of Louisiana right of way for a temporary construction servitude and a temporary detour, on, over and across properties owned by this Commission, to-wit:

Those two(2) certain tracts or parcels of land situated in the Parish of La Salle, State of Louisiana, and in Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 4 East, as shown on Sheets 4 and 5 of the construction plans for STATE PROJECT 74-03-08, DIVERSION CHANNEL BRIDGE & APPROACHES, (PINEVILLE TO JONESVILLE), LA 28, LA SALLE PARISH, LOUISIANA, and all as more fully set forth and described in a Construction Servitude and Temporary Detour Permit which is hereto attached and made part hereof.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That the said person be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all instruments

in writing and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary or convenient to effect such grant.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Dr. St. Amant said that Contract No. 5624, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Brown and Root, Inc. has been completed. This contract was for making the repairs and improvements to Bayou Lamoque Control Structure and the Channel improvements to Bayou Lamoque in Plaquemines Parish. Dr. St. Amant said that this work has been inspected by the Department of Public Works engineers and found to be in order, and recommended that same be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS; the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5624, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Brown and Root, Inc. for making the repairs and improvements to the Bayou Lamoque Control Structure and the channel improvements to Bayou Lamoque, in Plaquemines Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Brown and Root, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5624 with said Commission, dated

June 30, 1965, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director under date of May 11, 1966; wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Recorder of Mortgages of Plaquemines Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Mr. Herring was called to the floor relative to the management plan for water fluctuation on Lake Bistineau.

Mr. Herring stated that the Lake Bistineau Fish and Game Commission recently met and passed a resolution turning the authority of water fluctuation and lake management over to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. A recommendation for water fluctuation was made to this group in the mid-fifties but due to local pressure and their objections the plan could not be carried out. Mr. Herring said that fishing has deteriorated on this lake and water weeds have become an extremely bad problem. He also stated that chemicals will not eradicate this type of weed problem and that the only solution would be by means of water fluctuation which would allow the growth of the weeds. Mr. Herring suggested that the Commission submit these plans to the Lake Bistineau Fish and Game Commission and let them decide as to whether or not they will put them into effect.

Mr. Fairchild also called on Mr. Herring to tell the Commission about the permits to remove hogs and cattle from Wildlife Management Areas.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission is in need of a universal method for owners to remove hogs and cows from State operated Wildlife Management Areas. He said that in the past, Wildlife Management Area Supervisors have issued permits on a permanent basis and these individuals are permitted to carry firearms on certain areas year round. Under these circumstances, enforcement of the law presents a problem to both the Enforcement Division and Fish and Game. Some individuals have permits that were issued as far back as 15 years ago. Mr. Herring recommended that certain rules and regulations be adopted by the Commission for the removal of hogs and cows on the Wildlife Management Areas.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby issue permits for owners to remove hogs and cows from State operated wildlife management areas with the provision that the owners adhere to certain rules and regulations as setforth in this resolution.

WHEREAS, all previous permits issued are automatically revoked as of this date, and

WHEREAS, individuals (owners) having hogs or cattle on wildlife management areas apply to the wildlife management area supervisor for permits. Only stock owners with stock on the wildlife management area will be issued a permit, and

WHEREAS, permits will be issued for one year duration on a

calendar year basis, and

WHEREAS, stock dogs may be used for the taking of livestock. Dogs will be collared with owners name and address on collar. Permittee will be responsible to see that his stock dogs will not unduly harass wildlife animals. Any such harassment will result in revoking permittee's permit, and

WHEREAS, stock will not be removed during the open deer season, and

WHEREAS, Commission personnel will have the right to search permittees' equipment and/or vehicle while using this permit, and

WHEREAS, permit is valid only from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset, and

WHEREAS, firearms are not permitted for removal of stock and will not be in permittees possession while on the wildlife management area.

Mr. Herring stated that the Commission received an amendment from the Department of Army concerning the Fort Polk Military Reservation which would increase the game management area already established. Mr. Herring said that we already have an agreement with the Department of Army and this amendment would be similar to the first agreement with the exception to include an additional portion of land. At the present time, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has the authority to manage 31,143 acres and if this amendment is approved the acreage would increase to 98,590 acres for game management purposes. In the interest of wildlife conservation, Mr. Herring recommended that this Amendment

be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Army heretofore on the 16th day of September 1960 granted to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, New Orleans, Louisiana, a license for a period of twenty-five (25) years commencing on July 1, 1960, but revocable at will by the Secretary of the Army, to manage as a game management area, a portion of Fort Polk Military Reservation, Louisiana as therein described, and

WHEREAS, by Amendment No. 1, effective January 9, 1961, the original license was amended to delete the two cantonment areas from the licensed area, and

WHEREAS, it is the mutual desire of both the Department of the Army and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the said original license, as heretofore amended, be further amended to increase the game management area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree to accept the provisions and conditions as setforth in Amendment No. 2 to Department of the Army, License No. DA-41-243-eng-4336, Fort Polk Military Reservation, Louisiana to increase the game management area from approximately 31,143 acres to approximately 98,590 acres of Army fee-owned land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. Ford was called to the floor relative to the next item on the agenda.

Dr. Ford said that in reviewing the Commission's action of August 24, 1965 in reference to menhaden fishing in inside waters, there is a need for clarification and defining of "inside" or "outside" waters. Dr. Ford said that if this matter were clarified it would be an aid to both the Enforcement Division and the menhaden fishermen in abiding by the law.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, in regular session convened, that the menhaden fishing resolution of August 24, 1965, be rescinded, as hereafter, that menhaden fishing in inside waters be prohibited, and these operations be carried out only in outside waters, which are defined as being those waters outside or Gulfward of a line commencing from the mouth of Sabine Pass and extending easterly following the offshore beaches to South Point on Marsh Island; thence in a direct line to Eugene Island Lighthouse; then continuing in an easterly direction along the beaches to Grand Bayou du Large, then to the west end of Isles Dernieres and then easterly along the beaches of Isles Denieres, Wine Island and Timbalier Islands to the mouth of Bayou Lafourche; then eastward along the beaches of the main land mass including Grand Isle and Grand Terre to the Mississippi Delta; then along the shores of the Mississippi Delta, excluding the passes

of the River, to Bird Island; thence in a north easterly direction to and along the offshore beaches of the Breton Island and Chandeleur Island complex to the nearest point of a southeastern extension of the Louisiana-Mississippi line from Cat Island Channel, with the exception of Chandeleur Sound and Breton Sound which is to include that area enclosed by the line beginning at Bird Island and extending directly to Sable Island to Mozambique Point to Point Chicot to Mitchell Key to Door Point and due north to the Louisiana-Mississippi line, thence southeasterly to the Chandeleur Island Complex.

Mr. Fairchild called on Mr. Herring relative to the Thistlewaite Wildlife Management Area Lease Extension.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission has received a request from the owners of the Thistlewaite Wildlife Management Area for renewal of the present lease agreement for twenty-five (25) years rather than ten (10). Mr. Herring explained that this will entitle the land to be tax free and removed from the books. Also, the Commission has received a letter from Mr. Lennie Savoy, Tax Assessor of St. Landry Parish stating that this arrangement will meet with his approval. Mr. Herring recommended renewing this lease as the Commission can plan for a much larger and longer wildlife management program on this area.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant the owners of the Thistlewaite Wildlife Management Area renewal of the present lease agreement for twenty-five (25) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission has also received an invitation from Mr. Hans Raum, Supervisor, Kisatchie National Forest, to make a field trip to see first hand some of the Commission wildlife work on the Kisatchie National Forest near Alexandria, La. This trip will be in conjunction with the Commission meeting and Public hearing in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Mr. Fairchild called on Mr. Herring to tell the Commission about the right-of-way application on Saline Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Herring stated that the Commission received a request from the Concordia Electric Corporation, Inc. for a right-of-way line across a portion of our Saline Wildlife Management Area. This right-of-way will be 40 feet in width and give a very definite boundary around this private property. Mr. Herring said that this request for a right-of-way has been reviewed by Commission personnel in District IV and found to have no objections to this request.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Concordia Electric Corporation, Inc. agrees to pay the market value on a stumpage basis for any timber damaged or removed in connection with the construction of the right-of-way, and

THEREFORE, it will be necessary for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to have a forester from the Louisiana Forestry Commission to give an appraisal on timber removed, and

WHEREAS, this right-of-way will, for the most part, follow Highway 28 with the exception of dog-legging around a private piece of property located in Section 20. The right-of-way will be 40 feet in width and have a definite boundary around this private property.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Concordia Electric Corporation for a right-of-way line across a portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring was requested to tell the Commission about the rules and regulations for Camping on the Saline Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Herring said that at the present time, three camping areas are being established on the Saline Wildlife Management area for the outdoorsmen. He said that in order to have a well

balanced program on the Saline Wildlife Management Area camping certainly should be included. To encourage camping and also keep the areas in an orderly manner, Mr. Herring suggested that the Commission adopt certain rules and regulations.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations for camping areas established on the Saline Wildlife Management Area.

WHEREAS, camping will be permitted only within designated areas, and

WHEREAS, camping will be limited to a period of two (2) weeks, and

WHEREAS, there will be no commercial operation set up on the area or area used as a site for commercial operations, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will not be responsible for accidents or loss of property, and

WHEREAS, campers will be responsible for keeping camp site in a clean and sanitary condition, and

WHEREAS, drinking of alcoholic beverages will be prohibited on the area, and

WHEREAS, there will be no cutting, hacking, digging or driving nails in trees, and

WHEREAS, there will be no removal of plants from the area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED campers will be evicted for infractions of any of the above rules.

Mr. Fairchild asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission.

Mr. Hair said that he has had quite a few inquiries concerning the mandatory retirement age of 65. Mr. Hair stated that since this law was put into effect in 1962 there have been 77 people retired and he would like to know if the Commission wanted to continue to have this law strictly enforced.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that J. D. Hair, Jr., Director, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to effectuate voluntary and/or compulsory retirement of persons of this Commission in accordance with the laws of this State and more particularly R.S. 1950, Title 42, Chapter 10, as amended to date of retirement, and more particularly Act 54 of 1958 (R.S. 1950, Title 42, Sec. 691).

Mr. Buquet said that he would like to request that Mr. Hair submit to each Board Member an itemized list of the Conservation Fund, giving complete details as to each dedication. He said that he would like to know what these moneys are and just where they come from. Mr. Buquet said that he would like to go on record as being against the removal of our dedicated funds and strongly objected to any of the dedicated funds being touched.

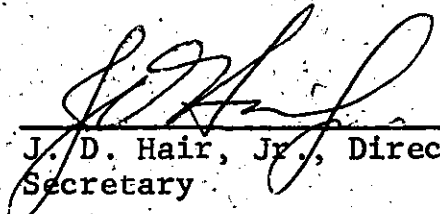
Mr. Jones agreed with Mr. Buquet and said that it was his understanding that some of this money came from the sale of licenses and also a great amount came from other administrative services of the Commission. Mr. Jones said that the Budget Committee has the budget and he would suggest that we meet with them to discuss the situation. However, before this meeting is to take place, Mr. Jones said that it would be necessary for each Board Member to have complete information on the Conservation Fund so that they can be in a position to answer any questions.

Mr. Hair said that a meeting has already been scheduled with Senator Alvin Jones for 1:30 P.M. that day and that he would have the information for the Commission prior to the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby oppose the removal of the Conservation Fund from the 1966-1967 Budget.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the meeting was adjourned.



J. D. Hair, Jr., Director and
Secretary